

## **Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (January – March 2009)**

### **I. Education/Schools/Youth**

Basic Black, L 02/22/09 12:30pm, 30 min

In this episode of Basic Black, Kim McLarin hosts a roundtable discussion on science and technology, exploring how African Americans are engaging in new technologies and examining our preparedness for the digital age. Guests include Linda Grisham, associate professor and program director of the Science in Education program at Lesley University; Patricia Hill Collins, professor of Sociology at University of Maryland; and Hiawatha Bray, technology reporter for The Boston Globe.

Bill Moyers' Journal N 01/31/09 5am, 60 min

With state budgets strapped, President Obama's proposed economic stimulus plan directs funds to educational institutions. Bill Moyers talks with Carnegie Corporation president Vartan Gregorian on the future of public higher education and its role in our democracy.

Greater Boston, L 01/06/09 12am, 30 min

EOE: Public College Enrollment - The financial crisis is causing many families to tighten their belts? which in turn has lead to a spike in public college enrollment. Higher education experts are seeing more parents push their children to more affordable college options, a trend referred to as flight to price.?

### **II. Housing/Urban Development**

Greater Boston, L 07/06/09 12am, 30 min

The Dec. 11th ice storm wiped out power to all of the roughly 28,000 homes and businesses serviced by the utility company Unitil in Massachusetts. The slow response and lack of communication with its customers has prompted a state probe and sent angry customers on a hunt to oust the provider from many communities.

Greater Boston, L 01/07/09 12am, 30 min

State lawmakers are considering a proposal that would expand the 9.7 % tax on hotel, motel and inn rentals to include short-term and seasonal rentals of three months or less. Some towns predict they could double the amount they already get from room taxes by extending the tax to private residences. But others worry that the new taxes will drive away vacationers from an area that relies heavily on the tourism industry.

Greater Boston, L 02/26/09 12am, 30 min

The Massachusetts real estate market took another hit in January, according to a new report by the Warren Group. The Group reported sales of single-family homes in Massachusetts fell by 10.3 % in January, the lowest pace in 22 years.

### **III. Safety/Crime/Justice**

**Public**

Frontline, N 01/30/09 10pm, 60 min

An estimated half-million women are trafficked annually for the purpose of sexual slavery. The women are kidnapped -- or lured by traffickers who prey on their dreams of employment abroad -- then they are "exported" to Europe, the Middle East, the United States and elsewhere, where they are sold to pimps, drugged, terrorized, locked in brothels and raped repeatedly. In Eastern Europe, since the fall of communism, sex trafficking has become the fastest growing form of organized crime, with Moldova and Ukraine widely seen as the centers of the global trade in women and girls

Maria Hinojosa One on One, N 03/01/09 11am, 30 min

According to hate crime statistics published annually by the FBI, anti-Latino hate crimes rose by almost 35% between 2003 and 2006, the latest year for which statistics are available. Mark Potok, a former USA Today reporter, is the director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project. The Intelligence Project is dedicated to monitoring hate groups and extremist activity in the U.S. Potok and Hinojosa look at the possible reasons behind the disturbing rise in anti-Latino incidents.

Now on PBS, N 03/28/09 4:30am, 30 min

One of the most controversial figures in the illegal immigration debate is Joe Arpaio, the longtime sheriff of Arizona's Maricopa County, whose aggressive hard line on local crime has received national attention. But has Sheriff Arpaio, who's made the most of federally-granted authority to enforce immigration laws, crossed the line when it comes to serving and protecting his community? Some critics have accused him of racial profiling.

### **IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups.**

Greater Boston, L 01/08/09 7pm, 30 min

Today, the Patrick administration will launch Mass. In Motion, an anti-obesity campaign. The campaign will require roughly 2,000 restaurants in the state to post the calorie readings of their servings.

Greater Boston, L 01/13/09 7pm, 30 min

Jared Bowen recently spoke with Edward Zwick, director of the new film Defiance starring Daniel Craig. Set in Eastern Europe during World War II, the film tells the true story of a group of Jewish brothers who lead a resistance group against Nazi forces.

Greater Boston, L 01/15/09 7pm, 30 min

Larry Goldberg, WGBH's Director of Media Access, will be among the 250,000 people attending Barack Obama's presidential inauguration on Tuesday. During the campaign, Goldberg was an adviser to the president-elect on technology and accessibility issues for people with disabilities.

### **V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty**

Greater Boston, L 01/13/09 7pm, 30 min

Mayor Menino is expected to outline a bleak financial picture when he delivers the annual State of the City address tonight. The City of Boston is bracing for a budget shortfall of \$140 million and layoffs of public servants, including firefighters, police and teachers

Greater Boston, L 01/03/09 7pm, 30 min

After a disappointing holiday season, the department store Macy's announced Monday it would cut roughly 7,000 jobs as it anticipates a rough fiscal year.

Greater Boston, L 03/03/09 7pm, 30 min

Several Massachusetts cities recently announced cuts to their police departments. Mayors in Fall River, New Bedford, Springfield and Worcester recently announced dozens of police officers would be let go.

## **VI. Environment/Ecology**

Greater Boston, L 03/30/09 7pm, 30 min

The North Atlantic right whale population appears to be increasing off the coast of Provincetown. \*-\*

Greater Boston, L 02/25/09 7pm, 30 min

Astrophysicist Neil DeGrasse Tyson discusses the former planet Pluto in his new book, The Pluto Files. In his book Tyson traces the planet's history and his personal story of how he got caught in the debate over Pluto's planethood.

Nova, N 01/13/09 8pm, 60 min

Arctic Passage: Ice Survivors - After the Franklin expedition, more than a half-century would pass before an innovative explorer finally conquered the Northwest Passage. Unsupported by naval might or government funding, a 29-year-old Norwegian, Roald Amundsen, set out with improbably slim resources: six men and a tiny, shallow vessel, the Gjoa, which he presumed could slip through channels that endangered larger ships. Caught by the winter ice, Amundsen did what the earlier Franklin crew had been unable or unwilling to do: he turned to the native Inuit to learn their ancient skills of Arctic survival.

## **VII.**

### **Medical and Mental Health/Social Services**

Greater Boston, L 01/06/09 7pm, 30 min

Tufts Blue Cross Split - Tufts Medical Center says it will stop accepting Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage after January 31st, due to a rift over doctors' pay. The hospital says the state's largest health insurer refuses to pay doctors at a reasonable rate 20 to 40 % less than other teaching hospitals.

Greater Boston, L 02/04/09 7pm, 30 min

Dr. Thomas Burke - Dr. Thomas Burke Dr. Thomas Burke is director of the Division of Global Health and Human Rights of the Massachusetts General Hospital. The division offers programs overseas on pediatric care, midwifery training, national maternal and child health strategic planning and more.

Greater Boston, L 02/11/09 7pm, 30 min

Babies by Design - Dartmouth College professor Ronald Green discusses his new book on genetic engineering, Babies by Design. Green says that parents will (and should) consider genetic modification for their children to enhance their lives.

## **VIII. Economy/Business**

Bill Moyers' Journal, N 02/20/09 9pm, 60 min

Robert G. Kaiser has been following Beltway politics for The Washington Post for nearly 50 years. This week on the Journal, Bill Moyers talks with Kaiser about how our nation's Capitol has succumbed to lobbyists and turned government into big business. Kaiser is author of So Damn Much Money: The Triumph of Lobbying and the Corrosion of American Government.

Frontline, N 02/17/09 9pm, 60 min

FRONTLINE investigates the causes of the worst economic crisis in 70 years and how the government responded. The film chronicles the inside stories of the Bear Stearns deal, Lehman Brothers collapse, the propping up of insurance giant AIG and the \$700 billion bailout. "Inside the Meltdown" examines what Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke didn't see, couldn't stop and haven't been able to fix.

Greater Boston, L 01/07/09 7pm, 30 min

Spin-Free Economics - Economist Nariman Behravesch with his book Spin-Free Economics: A No-Nonsense Nonpartisan Guide to Today's Global Economic Debate. Behravesch's book is a centrist examination of the global economic debate, and the roles of businesses, governments and individuals.

## **IX. Family/Morality/Religion**

Frontline, N 03/17/09 7:30pm, 120 min

From Jesus to Christ - Drawing upon new and sometimes controversial historical evidence, FRONTLINE transports viewers back two thousand years to the time and place where Jesus of Nazareth once lived and preached and challenges familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity.

Basic Black, L 01/08/09 7:30pm, 30 min

Professor and author Annette Gordon-Reed is best known for her 1997 book, "Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy" an examination of how historians had treated the 38 year liaison and was later vindicated when DNA tests proved that Jefferson fathered children with Hemings. Gordon-Reed returns to this history with an exhaustive look at the Hemings family in her new book, "The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family."

Greater Boston, L 03/25/09 7pm, 30 min

Author and Boston Globe columnist James Carroll discusses his new book, *Practicing Catholic*. Carroll's book examines the history and transformation of the Catholic church.